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EXERCISE

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1. ALLEGATIONS OF "U.S. BACKING" OF "ITALIAN PRETENSIONS" TO YUGOSLAV TERRITORY, SPAWNED DURING DARK IMAGE EXERCISE, CONTINUE TO REBOUND ON THE ATTACHE CIRCUIT. A FORMER GRADUATE OF US ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS ADVISER TO THE COLLECTIVE PRESIDENCY, (COL BRANKO PANJAK) SAW FIT TO RESURRECT THE ISSUE WITH DATT/ARMA AND ALUSNA AT 26 JULY FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR CANADIAN MILATT. HIS APPROACH WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY LOW-KEY, EVEN INGRATIATING, BUT NONETHELESS A REFLECTION OF HIGH DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY TO THE ITALIAN PROBLEM AND ALLEGED SUPPORT BY THE U.S. A MUCH SHARPER IF LESS SPHISTICATED ALLEGATION WAS MADE BY FORMER MEMBER OF JNA PURCHASING COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON (COL ILIJA BOGDANOVIC).

2. THIS SPONTANEOUS REITERATION OF YUGOSLAV ANXIETIES AT A TIME WHEN THE TRIESTE ISSUE IS DORMANT FROM THE MEDIA VIEWPOINT REINFORCES EMBASSY BELIEF THAT "ALTANEA 74"
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